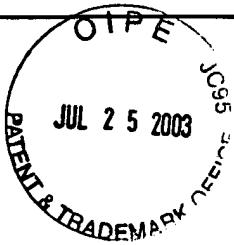


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In re Application of

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For  
COMPOSITIONS FOR TREATMENT AND METHOD OF MONITORING  
HEPATITIS C VIRUS USING INTERFERON-TAU

Group Art Unit

1648

Examiner  
Wortmann, Donna C.

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows  
(check time period desired):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))             | \$ 110   |
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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$205.00.

A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.

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Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

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